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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 3677  
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q71763

John Russell WATTS

Appln. No.: 09/883,131 ✓

Group Art Unit: 3677

Confirmation No.: 8204

Examiner: C Lugo

Filed: June 15, 2001

For: PADLOCKS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claim 55 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

37. (Amended) A padlock, including a shackle having a short leg with a first locking recess and a longer leg having an opposed second locking recess, said longer leg being connected by a longitudinally elongated recess to a peripheral recess disposed towards the end of the longer leg,